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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number **09/501,728**filed on **Feb. 10, 2000** entitled **DISPLAY APPARATUS****NOTES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the present continued prosecution application as set forth below prior to examination thereof.

- 1) **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.
- 2) **Amendments to the Claims and Additional Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.
- 3) **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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